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If disgusted voters conclude that the new boss on Capitol Hill is the same as the old boss, it won't go well for Democrats next time at the polls.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi should spend less time jetting to Syria and more doing what voters put her in her position to do: Clean up Capitol Hill.